

**Legal, Expertise, and Consultation Services to Support  
Statehood Defense**

**FY2024 Request: \$10,000,000**  
**Reference No: 64835**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation

**Project Type:** Research / Studies / Planning

**Category:** Law and Justice

**Location:** Statewide

**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)

**Impact House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)

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**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2023 - 06/30/2028

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**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This initiative will pursue consultation and legal services related to defense of Alaska's rights provided at statehood to develop and protect the state's natural resources, to manage its fish and wildlife resources, and to protect state sovereignty.

<b>Funding:</b>	<b>FY2024</b>	<b>FY2025</b>	<b>FY2026</b>	<b>FY2027</b>	<b>FY2028</b>	<b>FY2029</b>	<b>Total</b>
1004 Gen Fund	\$10,000,000						\$10,000,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$10,000,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$10,000,000</b>

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

**Operating & Maintenance Costs:**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**

**Project Description/Justification:**

The Office of the Governor will coordinate initiatives across departments to retain outside legal counsel, experts, and consultants in addition to the Department of Law attorneys and staff to represent the state in asserting the state's right to develop, manage and protect all of the state's natural resources navigable waters, access to lands, the management of fish and wildlife resources, and protecting the state's sovereignty. Whenever possible, the department will strive to utilize internal resources in order to achieve the greatest value for representation of the state in these matters.